## COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

Mailing Address: Post Office Box 249 Bolivia, North Carolina 28422 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRUNSWICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
BOLIVIA, NORTH CAROLINA 28422

TELEPHONE (910) 253-2000 (800) 442-7033 (NC) TELECOPY (910) 253-2004

March 10, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer United States House of Representatives 2333 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of Brunswick County, North Carolina, I write to express strong support for the County's FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project through the State and Tribal Assistance Grants program. The \$3,000,000.00 request will fund the engineering and rehabilitation works needed to advance the project.

The Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project will cover the works require to update and/or upgrade five major sewage lift stations- Brunswick Plantation Main, Winding River Main, St. James #3, Meadowlands #1, Mercantile and other smaller lift stations- Cedar Tree, Winding River #2, Seaside Landing, Food Lion, St. James #2, Sturgeon Creek and Ocean Ridge. These lift stations are listed in order of priority based on current condition and impact should the lift station become inoperable.

Operations of these sewer pump station overtime caused gases to form, causing deterioration of structures, piping, and electrical gear. The project will cover the repair through application of protective coating to the concrete wet well structures, replacement of deteriorated piping, pump supports, and electrical gear and connections. Upgrades will also include the addition of by-pass piping, flow meters, and pressure monitors at several of the stations. The project will also include evaluation of the adequacy of existing pumps at two stations and replace them if they are no longer suitable for anticipated future operating conditions.

Brunswick County is committed to obligating the appropriated funds within 12 months after receipt and providing the non-Federal cost share of \$3,200,000.00 (remaining of the project cost), higher than the required match of 20 percent.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerety.

Randy Thompson, Chair

Board of Commissioners